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Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_\_Attorney Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_3135-053640

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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BUILDING ELEMENT CONNECTOR FALL-ABSORBING BASE AND A KIT OF PARTS

	FOR CONSTRUCTING A PLAY APPARATUS			
	(Invention Title)			
the spe	ecification of which:			
	is filed concurrently herewith.			
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